

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraphs 4 and 5, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-6 would be allowable if amended to overcome the outstanding 35 USC §112 rejection. Applicant notes this with appreciation.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

In paragraphs 6-10 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 USC §112. Claims 6-10 have been amended to address the formal matters set out in this rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

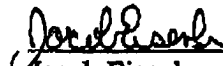
The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Applicants understand that with the Revised Amendment Format, the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 are waived. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

No new matter has been added by way of the aforementioned amendments.

The Examiner has cited several references in the rejection's *Conclusion* as pertinent prior art. Applicants have reviewed these references and at least for the reasons set out above believe the present application, as currently claimed, is allowable over the references.

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